

State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

REGULAR MEETING

May 24, 2006

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Della Estrada, L.Ac., Chairman
Martha Grout, MD., Secretary
Toni Karnas, Public Member
Diane Pruetz, Public Member
Michael J. Robb, DC, Professional Member
Marcey Rosin, L.Ac., Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Yong Deng, L.Ac., Professional Member
Lal Fernando, Public Member
Joe Balensi, L.Ac. Professional Member

Attorney General Representative:

Lisa Miles, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

1. Call To Order

Chairman Estrada called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

II. Board Meeting Minutes—Review, Discussion, and Action

Board Member Grout moved the adoption of the April 26, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Pruetz. The motion was passed by a vote of 6-0.

III. Complaints/Investigations – Review, Discussion and Action

Complaint #2005-010 (UP) was removed from the agenda and will be placed on a future agenda.

IV. Consideration of Acupuncture Program: – Review, Discussion and Action

The Board reviewed the application submitted by John Kennedy for program approval on behalf of the T'ai Institute of Oriental Medicine/The Florida School of Acupuncture. The Board contacted Mr. Kennedy in Florida was asked by Chairman Estrada to clarify the clinic hours provided by the school.

Board Member Grout moved for approval of the program and was seconded by Board Member Pruetz. The motion was passed 6-0.

V. Consideration of Applicants for Licensure – Review, Discussion and Action

Board Member Grout made a motion to approve licensure for applicants Jeanette. E. Campbell, Leigh E. Moore, Jean Shum, Gail Thurman, and Michele K. de'Medici. Board Member Pruetz provided a second. The motion passed 6-0.

The application of Kathy Fisher was discussed by the Board. Ms. Fisher addressed the Board to present her request for consideration of hours gained via an apprenticeship and teaching. Ms. Fisher has not met the state requirement of 800 clinic hours so her application is not administratively complete. Ms. Fisher indicated she will enroll at a school immediately to acquire the necessary clinic hours to satisfy the clinic hour requirement. Board Member Pruetz moved to pend Ms. Fisher's application, seconded by Board Member Grout. The motion passed 6-0.

VI. Consideration of Applicants for Auricular Certification – Review, Discussion and Action

Chairman Estrada moved the approval of auricular certificate applicants—Karen Smith and Patricia L. Johnson. Board Member Gout seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Applicant Heather Watkinson indicated on her application that a complaint had been filed during her tenure with a health care facility. The Board reviewed the copy of the consent agreement provided by Ms. Watkinson.

Chairman Estrada recused herself from this application review and action due a conflict of interest. Board Member Grout assumed the Chairmanship. Board Member Grout

moved to approve Ms. Watkinson's application. Board Member Rosin seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

VII. Consideration of Other Applications – Review, Discussion and Action

The application for continuing education submitted by Standard Process SW was determined by the Board to be incomplete for action. The Board instructed the Executive Director to communicate with the provider on what additional information is required for the Board to take action on the application.

VIII. Professional Business – Review, Discussion and Action

The Executive Director provided the Board with a memo outlining a proposal for a salary adjustment. Board Member Pruetz made a motion to approve the salary adjustment, effective June 3, 2006 and Board Member Grout provided a second and the motion was approved 6-0.

Executive Director Gonzalez provided an update on activities associated with the legislative and rules committees. The committee is reviewing the current board statutes.

The Board discussed the idea of conducting visits of school sites and suggested that a list of criteria and schedule be developed for these board visits.

A discussion by the Board centered on the thought of scheduling a retreat to address several matters such as training of the open meeting law, conflict of interest, and public records inspection.

IX. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with an overview of the board's financial status.

The Executive Director reported on the activities related to the Federation of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Regulatory Agencies (FAOMRA) meeting held in early May. Chairman Estrada stressed the need for the Board to remain involved with FAOMRA due to the escalation of several issues that will impact the profession in years to come.

X. Future Agenda Items -- Review, Discussion and Action

There were no items requested at this time.

XI. Future Meeting Dates – Review, Discussion and Action

June 28, 2006

July 26, 2006

XII. Call to the Public

No requests were made.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. following a motion by Board Member Grout and a second by Board Member Estrada. The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: June 28, 2006